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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): M. KURANO, ET AL

Serial No. :

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For : MICROACTUATOR DEVICE WITH  
A COUNTERMEASURE FOR  
PARTICLES ON A CUT FACE  
THEREOF

Art Unit :

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute amended claims 9 and 14; and add new  
claims 16 and 17, as follows:

9. (Amended). A microactuator device according to any one  
of claims 1 through 5, 7 or 8, wherein said microactuator device  
comprises a multilayer structure which includes a plurality of  
piezoelectric elements and a plurality of internal electrodes  
alternately laminated and which includes said cut face.

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